

## **MINUTES OF A CANVASSING COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 25, 2004**

The Hollywood Park City Council met in a special canvass meeting May 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Mayor Martinez called the meeting to order with the following Council present: Richard McIlveen, Ellen Alkire, Wendy Taylor, Jerry Miller and W.D. Scott. Also present: City Secretary and City Attorney.

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Taylor gave the invocation.

### **CANVASSING OF THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD MAY 15, 2004.**

Helen Hewitt stated that the results of the May 15, 2004 General Election were from the Early Voting and the Election Day voters. The results of the counting of votes cast in the May 15, 2004 General Election was:

MAYOR	Wendy J. Taylor	566
	Sean Patrick Martinez	669
PLACE 2	Ellen Alkire	670
	Debra Trueman	554
PLACE 3	Riki Charles	509
	Scott Farrimond	712
PLACE 4	Phillip S. Rodriguez	395
	Jerry Miller	817

The total of 1,237 votes was cast: 608 during the Early Voting period and 629, with 1 of those being a rejected Provisional Vote, at the polling place on Election Day so it is 628 votes giving us a total of 1236 for the election. Mrs. Hewitt further stated that is a record for early voting and Election Day voting. She said that if the voters' registration list was cleaned up then it is about 50% of our registered voters. There are 2,540 registered voters in Hollywood Park and 3,300 population. Mrs. Hewitt said that on Election Day they also covered the county and they had school and provision voters. They had 542 voters for them. She further said that the voters were not taking responsibility for bringing their voters registration and it takes twice as long if you don't have the voters registration card. Mrs. Hewitt said that we have the best-trained team in the County. She said that she had 6 people working; five of them have gone to class and are qualified to be judges and one working on it. She said they did a good job and she is proud of them.

Mrs. Hewitt briefed the Council on the Provisional Vote saying the legislature passed a law, rather than the judges telling someone that they cannot vote, they would be allowed to vote provisionally if they wanted to. The Provisional Voter that we had was not registered and if you are not registered in Bexar County, you cannot vote. She said that she explained that to the gentleman, at the time, but he still wanted to vote provisionally. The reason it become such a nightmare is that it takes approximately 15 minutes to let him vote separately, put it in a special envelope, put it in a special packet and lock it up separate from the other ballots. Then it has to be taken down to Bexar County, it takes two to three people to look at it and agree whether he should be allowed to vote or not. Bexar County returned the provisional ballot stating that they would reject it. The election judge, ballot board judge and a clerk that have to look at the ballot again and agree with Bexar County that it should be rejected and then a written explanation why it was rejected is sent to the provisional voter. She said that was one vote and you can think about the amount of time that went into that one vote. She commented the law needs to be changed.

In order to get a name off the voters registration list, Mrs. Hewitt said that if a registration card is received that does not belong to anyone in the residence or belongs to someone no longer living at the residence write on it no such person resides at the address, what your relation is to the person if that person no longer resides at the address, state that the person no longer lives there or they are deceased and return to the Bexar County Elections Office.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Hewitt and her clerks. She said that they were here until 10:30 p.m. counting votes.

**CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD MAY 15, 2004.**

Councilman McIlveen made a motion to accept the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held May 15, 2004. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Alkire and passed unanimously by the Council.

**PRESENT PLAQUE TO HELEN HEWITT, ELECTION JUDGE.**

Mayor Martinez presented a Valuable Service Award from the Council to Helen Hewitt, Election Judge. Mayor Martinez expressed his appreciation to both Helen Hewitt and her Clerks.

**PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO ELECTION CLERKS: JANET LILIUS, TOM HEWITT, RALPH SHIRIBER, FORREST APPLETON, MYRTLE WENZEL, AND SANDRA URBAN.**

Mayor Martinez presented certificates of appreciation, from the Council and Community, to the Election Clerks.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

They're being no further business; the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ( )  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2004.**

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Mayor Sean P. Martinez

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Barbara M. Haddock, City Secretary